

Public Information Meeting

Site Investigation at Bruneau Precision Bombing Range No. 2

Military Munitions Response Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m.

at the Bruneau American Legion Hall

Area residents are invited to this public information meeting on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Military Munitions Response Program Site Investigation at Bruneau PBR No. 2. Over the next few months, the Corps will evaluate Bruneau PBR No. 2 under the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program. Work will include a visual inspection of property that was part of the former range, and may include soil and/or water sampling. The Corps will use the results of this investigation to determine if future work is needed to clean up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used at Bruneau.

Bruneau Precision Bombing Range No. 2, consisting of 2,552 acres in Owyhee County, Idaho, was originally undeveloped rangeland belonging to the Department of Interior. The Army Air Corps started construction of Mountain Home Army Airfield in November 1942. In September 1943 the War Department acquired the land from the DOI for use as Mountain Home PBR No. 2. After creation of the U.S. Air Force in 1947, the property was renamed Bruneau PBR No. 2. The practice bombing range had a target consisting of concentric circles as large as 1000 feet in diameter. The property was declared excess in November 1953 and returned to the Bureau of Land Management in November 1955. At that time the BLM retained 240 acres and conveyed most the usable land to private owners through the Desert Land Act. The majority of the land is used for agricultural purposes.

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